

May 3, 2005

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, Mauno McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 6:17 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McIntyre.

Councilmember Scotto gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lieu, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Scotto reviewed the schedule of activities for the 46th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Observance, May 20–22. On Friday, May 20, there will be displays at Del Amo Fashion Center from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and U.S. Coast Guard Band concerts at the Armstrong Theatre at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with free tickets available at the theater box office starting at 10:00 a.m. Displays at the mall will open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, with the parade commencing at 1:30 p.m. Displays again will be open on Sunday, May 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He invited everyone to view a video from last year's parade to be shown at the May 17 Council meeting.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone of ExxonMobil's monthly test of the siren and community alert system scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications would be accepted to fill vacancies on the Civil Service, Library, and Parks and Recreation commissions until Friday, May 6, with the appointments to be made at the May 10 City Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the acrylics of Torrance Artist Guild member Betty Grissom on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of May.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM AT NORTH TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$20,000 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund for the North Torrance Neighborhood Center Restroom Project (FEAP #506);
- 2) Award a contract to Action Contractors, Inc., for \$16,800 for construction of the project; and
- 3) Approve \$3,200 for professional services.

7B. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 53576

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 53576, which was subdivided by Anastasi Development Company, and located at 22525 Kent Avenue.

7C. WAIVER OF LABOR COSTS FOR TRANSPORT AND SET-UP OF STAGE FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY EVENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council waive the labor costs associated with the transport and set-up of the City's portable stage in support of the American Cancer Society and appropriate \$600 from the General Fund Reserve for program contingencies to cover the labor costs.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B and 7C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. APPROVAL OF REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the proposed class specification of Public Works Inspector. In addition, the **Human Resources Director** recommends adoption of an amendment to a Resolution governing employees represented by Engineers to implement:

- 1) Revised salary grid for the Public Works Inspector;
- 2) Premium for Public Works Inspector who assumes administrative duties; and
- 3) Premium for Associate Engineer for supervision of the Public Works Inspectors.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-35 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-28. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11B. PROVISION OF DENTAL INSURANCE FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve an appropriation of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to be used beginning January 1, 2006, to provide one-party Delta Dental insurance for all eligible employees.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane advised that the proposed recommendation would provide one-party dental insurance coverage for eligible employees beginning January 1, 2006 and that it would become part of the base budget for the upcoming two-year budget and enhanced to provide two-party coverage beginning January 1, 2007.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 6:31 p.m. to 6:34 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Councilmember Lieu announced that the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission would be considering Green Building issues at its meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room.

16B. Councilmember Lieu announced that the Switzer Center would honor the South Bay Women of the Year at a luncheon on May 11, 2005 and that honorees included Margaret Estrada- Lomita Sister City Assn, Janet Payne - Torrance Historical Society, Hilda Preston - Enrichment Through Employment, and Lisa Hansen - Kenneth and Eileen Norris Foundation.

16C. Councilmember Mauno thanked all who participated in the ShareFest event, noting that he pulled weeds at Madrona Marsh along with about 100 young people.

16D. Councilmember McIntyre announced an open house at Madrona Marsh on Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with guided tours, as well as a slide show at 3:00 p.m. featuring tree frogs and dragonflies.

16E. Councilmember Nowatka announced an energy savings program that offers up to \$1200 in energy saving devices for each mobile home. He noted that letters outlining the program were sent to the management of mobile home parks in Torrance and advised residents to contact Marilyn Ryan at the South Bay Energy Savings Center or the City Clerk's office for additional information.

16F. Councilmember Nowatka extended congratulations to Justin Anthony Moreta for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

16G. Councilmember Nowatka commented on his attendance at the South Bay Medal of Valor luncheon, noting that 24 Torrance police officers and 5 Torrance firefighters have received the Medal of Valor award; that 14 Torrance police officers and 4 Torrance firefighters have received the Distinguished Service award; and that 1 Torrance firefighter has received the Sustained Superiority award. He congratulated the current Medal of Valor recipients - Torrance police officers Richard Crosbie, Steven Heglar, Jeffery Livingston, James Rudolph, and Matthew Schlerf.

16H. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the City Council Planning and Design Committee met last Thursday for its fifth and final meeting on historical preservation and that a recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council in June. She noted that all who live within the boundaries of the Olmsted district, as well as those who submitted their addresses to staff, will be notified of the meeting and thanked all who provided input.

16I. Councilmember Witkowsky questioned whether it would be possible to add educational and cultural arts elements to the General Plan update.

City Manager Jackson offered to explore the possibility and bring the information forward in conjunction with the proposed historical element.

16J. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the successful Rebuild Together project the previous weekend, noting that volunteers were able to assist an elderly couple with home repairs using supplies donated by Home Depot, Honeywell and other companies.

16K. Councilmember Witkowsky wished all mothers who were present and those in the viewing audience a happy Mother's Day.

16L. Alan Lee, on behalf of AFSCME International, commented on the issue of deferred compensation for AFSCME members. He expressed concerns that talks on this issue have stalled after making significant progress and encouraged continued discussions.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 28, 2005